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TRANSMITTAL OF SMALL ENTITY STATEMENT
AND REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT

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Sir:

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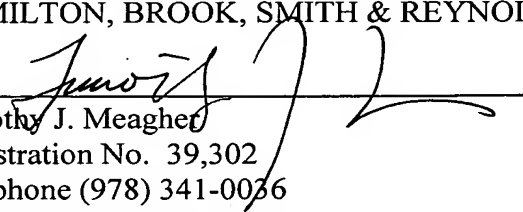
Applicant's attorney respectfully requests a reimbursement of \$4900.00, one-half the filing fees paid on December 20, 2005, to be deposited in Deposit Account No. 08-0380.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 CFR 1.27(a))-SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN****DOCKET NUMBER: 3174.1012-014**Applicant or Patentee: Vincent Fedele, John S. Berg, Christopher J. Butler and Robert David FarraherApplication or Patent No.: 10/561,647PCT Filed: June 21, 2004Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING BIOMETRIC IMAGES

I hereby state that I am

☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:NAME OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN Aprilis, Inc.ADDRESS OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN 5 Clock Tower Place, Suite 200Maynard, MA 01754

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